

## Divine Service - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### Opening Hymn: 839 ss. 1-5

1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In you find peace and heav'nly rest.

4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

### Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

### The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

## **The Introit of the Day** PS 28:8, 1-2, 6-7

The Lord is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
To you, O Lord, I call;  
my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me,  
I become like those who go down to the pit.  
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,  
when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands  
toward your most holy sanctuary.  
Blessed be the Lord!  
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.

## **Gloria Patri**

CONG: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Kyrie**

CONG: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

CONG: Glory be to God on high; and on earth  
peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship  
Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for  
Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father  
Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most  
high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **PASTOR: Collect of the Day.**

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading: ISAIAH 35:4-7a**

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."  
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
7a the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

## **The Gradual** PSALM 34:9, 19

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**The Epistle:** JAMES 2:1-10

1 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

2 For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in,

3 and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet,"

4 have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?

7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

9 But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

**Verse:** Psalm 147:2-3

Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel:** ST. MARK 7:24-30

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet.

26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."

30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

**Choir:** "Beautiful Savior"

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

## **The Nicene Creed** (We Confess Together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Sermon Hymn:** 524 ss. 1-6

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

3. Dear name! The Rock on which I build,  
My Shield and Hiding-place;  
My never-failing Treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

4. O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

5. How weak the effort of my heart  
How cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death.

**Sermon:** "Faith that Won't Take 'No' for an Answer!"

ST. MARK 7:24-30

## **The Offertory:**

CONG: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew  
a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take  
not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and  
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

### **The Closing Hymn:** 729 ss. 1-6

1. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

2. I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

3. I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

4. I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,

Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

5. I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

6. I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

### **The Benediction**

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD  
make His face shine on you and be gracious to  
you. The LORD look upon you with favor and †  
give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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